

## CLAIMS

Now, therefore, the following is claimed:

1        1. A system which generates and transmits event bookmarks comprising:  
2            an event bookmark generator configured to generate at least one event  
3            bookmark, the event bookmark corresponding to a selected occurrence during an  
4            event; and

5            an input connection coupled to the event bookmark generator and configured  
6            to receive an input signal associated with the selected occurrence, such that the event  
7            bookmark generator generates the event bookmark in response to the input signal.

1        2. The system of claim 1, further comprising a transceiver coupled to the  
2            event bookmark generator and configured to receive the event bookmark from the  
3            event bookmark generator, and further configured to broadcast the event bookmark  
4            such that the event bookmark is received by at least one image capture device.

1        3. The system of claim 2, wherein the broadcasted event bookmark is  
2            broadcasted as a signal selected from the group consisting of a radio frequency (RF)  
3            signal, an optical signal and an infrared signal.

1        4. The system of claim 1, further comprising a memory coupled to the  
2            event bookmark generator and configured to receive and store the event bookmark  
3            from the event bookmark generator, and further configured to communicate the event  
4            bookmark such that the event bookmark is received by an image data manager.

1       5. A method for communicating event bookmarks, the method  
2 comprising the steps of:

3           detecting an input signal corresponding to an event of interest; and

4           generating an event bookmark in response to receiving the input signal, the  
5 event bookmark having information identifying the event of interest.

1       6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of generating further  
2 comprises the step of incorporating a time that the input signal is received as part of  
3 the event bookmark.

1       7. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of generating further  
2 comprises the step of incorporating a location associated with the event of interest as  
3 part of the event bookmark.

1       8. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of generating further  
2 comprises the step of incorporating meta-data associated with the event of interest as  
3 part of the event bookmark.

1       9. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of broadcasting the  
2 event bookmark such that the event bookmark is received by at least one image  
3 capture device.

1       10. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of broadcasting further  
2 comprises the step of broadcasting the event bookmark as a signal selected from the  
3 group consisting of a radio frequency (RF) signal, an optical signal and an infrared  
4 signal.

1       11. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:  
2           storing the event bookmark in a memory; and  
3           communicating the event bookmark to an image data manager.

1       12. A system which receives event bookmarks comprising:  
2           an image capture device;  
3           a transceiver residing in the image capture device and configured to receive an  
4       event bookmark broadcasted by an event bookmark broadcaster; and  
5           a processing device configured to associate the received event bookmark with  
6       at least one captured image captured by the image capture device.

1       13. The system of claim 12, the processing device further comprising a  
2       processor configured to execute logic such that the received event bookmark is  
3       associated with the at least one captured image.

1       14. The system of claim 12, further comprising a memory residing in the  
2       image capture device, the memory configured to store the received event bookmark  
3       such that the event bookmark is associated with at least one subsequently captured  
4       image.

1       15. The system of claim 14, further comprising a clock residing in the  
2       image capture device, the clock configured to generate a time stamp such that the time  
3       stamp is associated with the at least one subsequently captured image and the event  
4       bookmark.

1       16. The system of claim 12, further comprising an antennae coupled to the  
2       transceiver and configured to detect radio frequency (RF) signals having the event  
3       bookmark.

1       17. The system of claim 12, further comprising an optical sensor coupled  
2       to the transceiver and configured to detect optical signals having the event bookmark.

1       18. The system of claim 12, further comprising an infrared sensor coupled  
2       to the transceiver and configured to detect infrared signals having the event bookmark.

1           19. A method for receiving event bookmarks, the method comprising the  
2 steps of:

3           detecting an event bookmark broadcasted from an event bookmark  
4 broadcaster;

5           capturing an image of interest with an image capture device; and

6           associating the captured image of interest with the detected event bookmark.

1           20. The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of storing the  
2 event bookmark in a memory such that the event bookmark is associated with at least  
3 one subsequently captured image of interest.

1           21. The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

2           generating a time stamp; and

3           associating the time stamp with the captured image of interest and the event  
4 bookmark.

1           22. The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of communicating  
2 the captured image of interest and the associated event bookmark to an image data  
3 manager.

1           23. A computer readable medium having a program for associating an  
2 event bookmark with a captured image, the program comprising logic configured to  
3 perform the steps of:

4           receiving an event bookmark;

5           receiving a captured image of interest from an image capture device;

6           associating the captured image of interest with the received event bookmark;

7           and

8           storing the captured image of interest and the associated event bookmark in a  
9 memory.

1        24. The computer readable medium of claim 23, the logic further  
2 configured to perform the steps of:

3                storing in the memory a most recently received event bookmark; and  
4                retrieving the most recently received event bookmark from the memory in  
5 response to the step of receiving the captured image, such that the most recently  
6 received event bookmark is associated with the received captured image of interest.

1        25. A system which processes captured images comprising:  
2                a camera interface configured to receive captured images from at least one  
3 captured image device;  
4                a memory configured to store the received captured images;  
5                a specification interface configured to receive instructions specifying at least  
6 one event bookmark of interest; and  
7                a processor configured to process the stored captured images according to the  
8 specified event bookmark of interest.

1        26. The system of claim 25, further comprising an output interface  
2 configured to communicate to a suitable display the captured images that are  
3 processed according to the specified event bookmark of interest.

1        27. The system of claim 25, wherein each one of the received captured  
2 images includes event bookmark information corresponding to an event of interest.

1        28. The system of claim 25, further comprising a connection configured to  
2 receive at least one event bookmark from an event broadcaster, each one of the event  
3 bookmarks having at least a time corresponding to the time that the event bookmark  
4 was generated, such that a plurality of captured images, each captured image having a  
5 time stamp corresponding to the time that an image was captured, are processed  
6 according to the specified event bookmark of interest by correlating the captured  
7 image time stamps with the event bookmark time.

1        29. The system of claim 25, wherein the specification interface is further  
2 configured to receive the captured image without an event bookmark, and the  
3 specification interface further configured to receive an event bookmark, such that the  
4 processor associates the captured image without the event bookmark with the received  
5 event bookmark.

1        30. A method for processing captured images with an image data manager,  
2 the method comprising the steps of:

3        collecting a plurality of captured images from at least one image capture  
4 device;

5        receiving a specified event bookmark; and

6        identifying from the plurality of captured images those captured images that  
7 correspond to the specified event bookmark.

1        31. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of comparing the  
2 specified event bookmark with a plurality of captured image event bookmarks, each  
3 one of the plurality of captured images associated with one of the captured image  
4 event bookmarks, such that the step of identifying identifies captured images  
5 corresponding to the specified event bookmark.

1        32. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of comparing a  
2 time associated with the specified event bookmark with the plurality of captured  
3 images, each one of the plurality of captured images having a time stamp, such that  
4 the step of identifying identifies captured images corresponding to the time of the  
5 specified event bookmark.

1        33. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of selecting  
2 images of interest from the identified capture images.

1        34. The method of claim 33, further comprising the step ordering  
2 according to time the selected images of interest by correlating a time stamp  
3 associated with each one of the selected images of interest.

1        35. The method of claim 33, further comprising the step of reordering the  
2 selected images of interest according to a specified reordering instruction received by  
3 the image data manager.

1        36. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:  
2 receiving an image, the image not having an event bookmark; and  
3 adding the event bookmark to the image such that the image is processed by  
4 the image data manager.

1        37. A computer readable medium having a program for processing  
2 captured images, the program comprising logic configured to perform the steps of:  
3            receiving a specified event bookmark;  
4            retrieving from a memory a plurality of captured images, each captured image  
5 having an event bookmark;  
6            comparing each one of the captured image event bookmarks with the specified  
7 event bookmark; and  
8            identifying the captured images having event bookmarks that correspond to the  
9 specified event bookmark.